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2011-12 ESEA/NCLB Consolidated Application (Open December 8, 2011 and due January 13, 2012) Contact: the NDE application reviewer for your district or ESU

The 2011-12 ESEA/NCLB Consolidated Application will be available with the revised allocations on Thursday, December 8, 2011. Thank you for your patience as we have worked through the issues of getting this information into the application in the Grants Management System.

Because the applications will be submitted and approved so late in the school year, districts will **not** be allowed to select "Scheduled Payments" for any of the programs included in the application. "Request for Reimbursement" will need to be selected by each district for every program. Applications that have already been submitted to NDE will be returned so districts can revise affected budgets. The 2011-12 ESEA/NCLB Consolidated Application is due to NDE on Friday, January 13, 2012.

ARRA 1512 Reporting (Open December 12, 2011 through January 5, 2012/CDC Collection) Contact Bryce Wilson at (402) 471-3323 or bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov, or Ron Mowrey at (402) 471-2396 or ron.mowrey@nebraska.gov

Section 1512 of ARRA requires reporting of jobs created/saved and vendor information on a quarterly basis. NDE will collect this information from every sub-recipient (district or ESU) through the ARRA Section 1512 Reporting program in the NDE Portal - Consolidated Data Collections (CDC) at http://portal.education.ne.gov/. Education Jobs and SFSF will not require job saved or description of jobs this quarter, only vendor information is need for these two programs. If you were done with your Education Jobs and SFSF money prior to Sept 1, 2011 you will still need to complete the report by checking the box saying you have no vendors to report.

Due to the holidays, the ARRA 1512 Reporting Section of the CDC will be open from December 12, 2011 through January 5, 2012 to report activity for the quarter ending December 31st. Every sub-recipient must complete the reporting requirements, even if there has not been any payment(s) received or new jobs saved/retained. Failure to comply with this reporting requirement will put the sub-recipients out of compliance and jeopardize receipt of all federal funds until the next reporting period. The Department has developed Frequently Asked Questions located at http://www.education.ne.gov/ARRA/PDF/ARRA%20JobsAccountabilityActQA.pdf.

Central Contractor Registration (CCR) information must be updated at least once a year and is a requirement for receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds and reporting for Section 1512 of ARRA. Please check your registration to ensure that it has not expired or will not expire this year. You may check the status of your registration at https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx

CDC: Non-Certificated Staff Collection Due January 6 (All Public Districts, State Operated Systems, and ESUs)

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The Non-certificated Staff collection is due January 6, 2011. All district/system non-certificated employees must be included. This collection includes the Full-Time Equivalency for staff in each of the

categories who were at the district/system on October 1st (or the closest school day to October 1st). Categories include: School Administrative Support Staff, District/System Administrative Support Staff, Clerical Assistants to Instructional Personnel (non-classroom), Teacher Aides (work in classroom), Plant Operation Personnel (custodians, engineers, etc.), Regular Bus Drivers, Food Service Personnel, Library Aide and Other Personnel.